



# Nebraska Loess Hills

## Resource Conservation & Development Council

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### Artist of the Month Project

The "Artist of the Month" project is an ongoing program coordinated by the Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D Council. Area artists are invited to exhibit their work in the RC&D Council office for a month. The RC&D Council promotes the exhibit through 19 area newspapers and flyers and invites the public to attend an open house hosted by the RC&D Council for the artist.

In 2009 ten individual artists and one group exhibited at the RC&D Council office. At least half of these artists sold pieces on display at the RC&D office. Artists are encouraged to promote their skills and "business" during their exhibit. This promotion resulted in a number of artists receiving commission work and orders from exhibit visitors.

The Artist of the Month exhibit draws many visitors to the Council office. More than 500 visitors viewed the exhibits in 2009. This provides economic opportunities for both local businesses and the exhibiting artist. This project continues to be very successful and much appreciated by the surrounding communities.



Deb Gengler-Copple, three time Nebraska Habitat Stamp artist and international award winner, was the Artist of the Month for December, 2009